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TWENTY-FIFTY SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Sat. Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6 pm + Wednesdays - Saturdays:
8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesdays: 4-6 pm & Saturdays: 9 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays + Thursdays 9 am - 6 pm



Holy Years of Jubilee

Pope Leo XII inaugurated the Holy Year of 1825.

The Jubilee of 1850 was not held because of political unrest within Italy, especially in the city of Rome.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, 2025 + Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Giovanni and Maria Assunta Tamburro** (Larry Caggese)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, September 20, 2025 + Vigil for The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Marshall Armanini** (Family)

Sunday, September 21, 2025 + The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Francis Nearing** (Peg Nearing)

10:00 am **Max & Bernice Bauer** (Family)

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 + Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

6:00 pm **The People of Saint Leo Parish**

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 + Weekday

8:30 am **Ron McDonson** (Family)

4 - 6 pm **CONFESSION**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 + Weekday

8:30 am **Mary Jane D'Amore** (Bill & Teddy Urmann)

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, September 26, 2025 + Weekday

8:30 am **Felcia Nelson** (Carol Bomba)

Saturday, September 27, 2025 + Saint Vincent de Paul

8:00 am **ROSARY**

8:30 am **Linda Giovanini** (Jim and Marion Castagnari)

9:00 am **CONFESSION**

Saturday, September 27, 2025 + Vigil for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm **Phil Mitchell** (Family)

Sunday, September 28, 2025 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Lucy Johnson** (Dolly MacDonald)

10:00 am **Kathleen Ferraro** (Betty, Ella & Paula)

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for September

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let the Parish Office know if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like to be placed on our First Friday Communion List. Call 814-772-3135

IN NEED OF PRAYERS? CALL JAN @ 814-776-1352
SHE WILL ADD YOUR INTENTION TO OUR PRAYER LIST

ALTAR CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of
CYNDI AIELLO
By Neil & Nancy Hoffman

The Saint Leo Candle will burn this week in loving memory of
SUE SPIHER
By Pat Fleming

The Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of:
Mildred Mick, cousin of Fr. Justin

May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in eternal peace.

The wine and hosts for September have been provided in loving memory of
Liz Mitchell and Mark Stolburg
by Nina Stolburg.

Liturgical Ministries September 27 & 28, 2025

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
Saturday, 5:15 pm	M Gausman A Stenta	T Bish	J Challingsworth
Sunday, 8:00 am	J & P Bobnar	L Caggese	WJ Fernan
Sunday, 10:00 am	O Buck E Regulski	A Messineo	N Hoffman
Money Counters	Team # 4	Altar Guild (9/19)	Group 8 Pew 2



Welcome to the Faith!

Curious about Jesus?

Are You ready to receive the Sacraments?

Join us to take the next steps in your faith Journey. Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or have you been away from the Church and would like to refresh your knowledge of the Catholic faith?

ALL ARE INVITED to take the next steps in your faith journey and join the OCIA process which takes place throughout the year.

Please contact St. Leo Magnus Parish Office at 814-772-3135.

Or email us at secretary@stleomagnus.org

"By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully"

Parish Stewardship

September 14, 2025

Weekly Collection \$7,063
Weekly Goal \$9,168

Catholic Service Appeal

Goal \$58,224
Gifts to date \$25,433



Online Giving

St. Leo Magnus Church accepts online donations through Vanco. Our online giving page can be found at www.stleomagnus.org

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10/request

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

Hosts and Wine - \$100/month

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date

Contact the parish office for details.

Have an IRA? Would you like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free?

If you make donations, and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you or the charity will have to pay income taxes. Call the parish office for more details.

CANCEL THE COLD

†We remember in our prayers†

September 21

Arthur Cianca, Jr.

Dominic & Elvira Judice

Deceased of Judice-Boggia Families

Jane Judice

Souls in Purgatory

Jeff Penfield

Peg Howard

Carl Lindberg

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm
814-772-3135

Monday - Thursday
secretary@stleomagnus.org

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Pope Leo XIV



"Our loved ones who have been separated from us by sister death are not lost and do not fade into the void. Their lives belong to the Lord, the Good Shepherd, who embraces them and holds them close. He will return them to us one day so that, together, we may enjoy eternal happiness. We are certain that God will inspire hearts and hands to provide help and consolation: peacemakers who can comfort those who are in pain and sadness. Together, as Jesus taught us, we will proclaim with greater conviction: 'Thy Kingdom come!'"

Pope Leo XIV
Homily during Prayer Vigil for the Jubilee of
Consolation
Monday, 15 September 2025

K of C 300 Club Winners

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
\$100	J Schabert	L Facchine	K Manning
\$50	T Bjorkquist	L Kucenski	B Caggiano
\$50	A Dale	M Kutch	T Griech
\$50	Fab 5	F Papa	L Spomer

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Oct 11	10:00 am	Sacred Heart, St. Marys	814-781-1019
Nov 25	6:30 pm	St. Marys, St. Marys	814-781-1019

Pre-Cana Class Schedule

Oct. 11 & 12	Church of the Good Shepherd, West Middlesex	RSVP 724-528-3539
Nov. 2	St. George, Erie	RSVP 814-864-0622

To everyone who helped empty the kitchen before the deep clean, your assistance was greatly appreciated.



INTERNATIONAL FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE
SEPT. 24TH THROUGH NOV. 2

The mission of this Campaign is to end Abortion through Fasting, Prayer and Community Outreach. With changing hearts and minds 25,695 babies have been saved since 2007.

Elk County Right To Life will sponsor 40 Days Rosary - after Tues. 8:30 Mass at St. Marys Church and after Friday 6:15 Mass at Sacred Heart. They will place 40 Day Daily Prayer Sheets at entrances of area Churches. For more information contact Mary Ross at 814-781-6867.

MARCH FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG

Elk county Right To Life is sponsoring a bus to the March For Life in Harrisburg on Sept 22, 2025. cost is \$10. Come be a voice for the Unborn. Contact Mary Bea Maloney at 814-834-3834 for info.

NATIONAL PROLIFE CAMPAIGN

Stand and Pray. Each year, Life Chains form in towns to make public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life. Join us to pray on Oct. 5th, from 1-2 pm in downtown St. Marys. Meet at St. Marys K of C at 12:45 where prayer signs will be handed out for this event.

PRISON MINISTRY

Are you looking for a way to share your faith with others who need encouragement? St. Leo's Church is looking for a few more volunteers to help with Bible faith sharing with the inmates at the Elk County Prison on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Three volunteers are scheduled to share the Christ's Gospel message each week. Twelve volunteers fill out each month's schedule. Those interested are asked to call St. Leo arish office at 834-772-3135. New volunteers are invited to attend St. Leo's Prison Ministry Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 7th in St. Leo Social Hall following Mass at 6:00 pm.

PARISH MISSION

Immaculate Conception Church, Osceola Mills, PA will host a parish mission Sept. 28, 29 and 30 from 6:30-7:30pm. The mission will be led by Fr. Ian McElarth, Associate Director of the Clergy Office. He will speak on "Living the Faith".

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Hosted by St. Boniface K of C Oct. 5th from 8 am until 11:30(sold out). Cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for 16 & under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet

St. Leo Religious Education

Sacrament classes for grades 2, 3 and 9 will be held at St. Leo. Classes will begin in October from 9 am - 10 am. If you have not enrolled, please do so ASAP.

Students in grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 should be registered at Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg. If you are not registered, call Holy Rosary parish office @ 814-965-2819. **Classes have begun so do not delay!**

Congratulations Winners

St. Leo Cash Giveaway

5 winners of \$1,500

Drawing held 9/7/2025

Paul Sobolewski - Sarver, PA

Joe Benini - Kersey, PA

Rob Tyler - Weadville, PA

Mary Alice Krieg - Ridgway, PA

Joe & Peggy Galsick - Wilcox, PA



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SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LEO SCHOOL

NATURE STUDIES WITH KINDERGARTEN

OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ADDED A NEW SPECIMEN TO THEIR NATURE STUDIES TABLE! JUST BEFORE DISMISSAL, STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO WITNESS THEIR CATERPILLAR CHANGE INTO THE PUPA STAGE - HOW EXCITING! TO CONTINUE THEIR OBSERVATIONS AND STUDIES, THE STUDENTS SPENT ONE OF THEIR NATURE STUDIES CLASSES CREATING A STORYBOARD OF THE LIFE CYCLE OF A MONARCH BUTTERFLY.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

We will be meeting weekly on Sundays during 10:00am mass. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are welcome to join us for a message about the gospel readings for the week! We Typically watch a video about the gospel, discuss what it means, and create a project to go along with the lesson for the week! Children are returned back to their families in the pews prior to communion.

*We are also looking for volunteers to help facilitate this program! Looking to get more involved in the church? Love working with kids? Are you a high school student who is in need of service hours? Reach out to Amanda Straub 814-590-8115 to hear about our ideas for the new year! Or stop downstairs on Sunday to check out our program!

**K of C
Chicken BBQ
Saturday, September 27 from 11
am - sold out
Cost \$12**



From the Pastor's Desk

My dear parish family:

We continue during this jubilee year to turn our eyes, hearts, and souls – everything we are – toward the life-giving virtue of hope. The late Pope Benedict XVI wrote about hope in a particular and stunning way in his second encyclical letter – *Saved by Hope* or in the original Latin, *Spes Salvi*. In his final reflections on hope he offers us a prayer to the Blessed Virgin, here is an excerpt – and it's a perfect form of mediation and reflection during this Holy Year for us – Pilgrims of Hope:

“Notwithstanding the great joy that marked the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, in the synagogue of Nazareth you must already have experienced the truth of the saying about the “sign of contradiction” (cf. Lk 4:28ff). In this way you saw the growing power of hostility and rejection which built up around Jesus until the hour of the Cross, when you had to look upon the Savior of the world, the heir of David, the Son of God dying like a failure, exposed to mockery, between criminals. Then you received the word of Jesus: “Woman, behold, your Son!” (Jn 19:26). From the Cross you received a new mission. From the Cross you became a mother in a new way: the mother of all those who believe in your Son Jesus and wish to follow him. The sword of sorrow pierced your heart. Did hope die? Did the world remain definitively without light, and life without purpose? At that moment, deep down, you probably listened again to the word spoken by the angel in answer to your fear at the time of the Annunciation: “Do not be afraid, Mary!” (Spes Salvi #50)

When I was studying at St. Mark Seminary in Erie, on formation weekends we would gather for mass in a small chapel in the section of the building that once was used as a convent for the Sisters of Saint Joseph. One day my classmate, Max, and I were there praying there by ourselves and we noticed an artistic anomaly in the Stations of the Cross. In the depiction of the Twelfth Station, when our Lord dies on the Cross, all the gold halos that had been surrounding the saintly folks around the Cross, such as the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Beloved Disciple, etc., disappeared. They stayed hidden in the artwork as they took His body from the Cross and in the last station laid the Savior of Humankind in the tomb. We had never seen halos – these symbols of the lights of holiness, faith and sanctity – be erased at Jesus’ death. Years later after reading Benedict’s encyclical, when in his prayer to Mary, he asks her “did hope die?” those elusive halos came back to me.

As Pope Benedict assures us in the same prayer, that angels reassured Mary and Joseph – Elizabeth and Zechariah – and billions, if not trillions of faithful since that first Easter Sunday, that we must not be afraid; especially when hope “seems” – yes, only appears – to be lost. Hope never loses its hold on us; we are the ones who so often throw it away. While on earth would be often tempted to throw away something as precious as hope – that’s the deceptive and potentially destructive evil of Satan! Yes, where there is hope, there is indeed happiness. Jesus Christ is hope itself and what else than happiness, joy, eternity, peace and love beyond all-telling is caught up in His beautiful face? There’s the halo that envelops everything!

Hope especially enters into our prayer in times of great need and even greater distress. Impending death, either our own or of someone we love deeply is always a time for hope. When someone is dying or in the final moments of earthly death, some people banish hope and say there is no use for it – it’s too late. No, it’s never too late to enter into a dialogue with God in hope! Lisa Calderone-Stewart, a young successful woman from Milwaukee, as she entered into the last months of her life as a result of terminal illness remarked: *“God invented the world so that we would live on earth for a while, leave earth and go to heaven and if we really believe there is a heaven – and I do – then we are living according to God’s plan. Sure, it would be a lot nicer to have 20 more, but I don’t get to choose.”* She went on to say, *“Hope is really something we can do,”* she wrote on her blog. *“And that hope cannot die with my passing.”*

My sisters and my brothers, hope is something we can do – live – and share each day! Hope – and the very face and heart of hope, Jesus Christ, never disappears like the painted halos in the stations; hope is the ever-strengthening force that never lets God disappear from our world – our lives – our Church – our hearts! At that beautiful moment when our human hearts beat their last here on earth – and it will be beautiful – it is hope that will usher into the light of God’s face, as we slip into eternity. I felt this very hope in a tremendous way when He called my mother to Himself in 2023. Through death, hope will come to its fulfillment and then, we will never have to hope again. Hope will be alive forever. Hope will be pure. Hope will be perfect. We will be hope itself! I don’t know about you, but I can’t wait!

In the hope that never disappoints, Father Justin